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## CREW ESCAPES FROM BURNING LAKE FREIGHTER

FLAMES MADE RAPID HEADWAY AND WERE SOON BEYOND CONTROL.  
CHIEF ENGINEER STICKS TO HIS POST UNTIL VESSEL IS GROUNDED.  
MEN MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE SHORE IN LIFE BOATS—SHIP IS A TOTAL WRECK.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]  
ERIE, Pa., May 7.—The steel freight steamer "City of Rome," Buffalo to Toledo, was burned to the water's edge at Ripley, N. Y., early today. The crew escaped in boats. The fire was discovered between docks shortly after midnight by Mate John McNamara, of Cleveland, and all hands summoned to fight the flames which gained rapid headway and were soon beyond control. After a two hours' struggle in which the crew was hampered by the dense smoke and heat, Captain Wm. Dunn gave orders to beach the vessel.

Thomas Cunningham, of Milwaukee, the chief engineer, stuck to his post until the ship grounded on the sands of Ripley beach. The crew then made its way to shore in life boats. The vessel is a total loss. The "City of Rome" left Buffalo last night for Toledo, where she was to load coal for Milwaukee. She was a steel steamer of 3,900 gross tons, 245 feet long, and carried a crew of 16 men. The vessel was owned by Jas. Mitchell, of Cleveland.

## Franconia Arrives In Boston

BROUGHT THE THIRTEEN MEMBERS OF COLUMBIA CREW.

THOUGHT SHIP CAUGHT FIRE BY SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]  
BOSTON, May 7.—When the liner Franconia from Liverpool arrived today, bringing 13 members of the crew of the burned steamer Columbian, rescued from a boat south of Sable Island, several of the survivors were suffering severely from burns and all showed effects of exposure. The body of Chief Steward Matthews, who died from burns while in the boat, also was brought by the Franconia. Jos. Drohan, the wireless operator of the Columbian, expressed the opinion that spontaneous combustion in the cargo of rags and junk caused the fire. He said he was awakened by an explosion shortly before midnight Sunday and when he rushed on deck the vessel was in flames. The saloon passengers on the Franconia assisted in giving first aid to the survivors, provided clothing for them and subscribed to a fund for their relief.

Mr. L. N. Lough went to Wheeling this morning to attend the funeral services of his brother in law, J. N. Prichard.

## Patton "Corners" Alienists To Try Free Murderer

"WHEAT KING" USES "PIT" METHODS IN FIGHTING FOR LIFE OF MAN WHO PLEADS "SOMNAMBULISTIC" INSANITY FOR KILLING OF WIFE'S BETRAYERS IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 7.—The "wheat pit defense" was invoked to aid a "dream murderer" today when Walter H. Keith was brought to trial for slaying William Paul. Keith's attorneys have put forward the plea that their client is a victim of "somnambulistic" insanity, and that Paul, while in this condition, killed Keith. The "wheat pit defense" comes into the case with the advent of "Jim" Patton, "king of the Board of Trade" and "pit" who is financing Keith's fight for life. When the state attorney learned that Keith would plead a form of insanity he attempted to engage alienists to combat this theory, but found that the defense, true to Patton's methods of battle, had "cornered" all the experts usually relied upon in such cases.

The opening statement of the defense related that the wife confessed her wrongs to Keith to save their pretty 17-year-old daughter, Thelma, from a similar ruin. The story told Keith preyed on his mind. He sought Paul and while waiting for him in a saloon, fell into a deep sleep.

When Paul entered the place the saloonkeeper told Keith. The latter slowly rose from his chair, and looking straight ahead, walked toward Paul. Then his hand sought his hip pocket, a revolver was drawn, a shot fired and Paul lay dead on the floor.

The Keiths are poor and when friends interceded with Mrs. Patton to aid them her sympathies were aroused and she induced the rich Board of Trade man to finance the defense.

MRS. CHARLES BECKER.  
Wife of Condemned Ex-Police Officer in Rosenthal Case.



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## Ten Smiths In Danger of Their Lives

MEXICANS RESENT THEIR CONDUCT IN THE KILLING OF RURAL GUARDS.

ENTIRE FEDERAL GARRISON REPORTED CAPTURED AT ACAPONETA.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—Ten members of the Smith family in jail at Tonala Chiapin are in danger of their lives because of Mexican resentment of their part in the recent killing of three Mexicans at San Pedro, according to a report today from Minister Leavell, in Guatemala. The Mexicans were members of a rural guard and invaded the Smith home to disarm the occupants. In the fight which ensued the Mexicans were worsted but the Americans were later arrested.

Confirmation of the capture of the entire federal garrison at Acaponeta by the Constitutional forces reached the State Department today in a report from Consular Agent Keyes.

The vanguard of the Constitutionalist forces at Durango and Torreón has started on its march to begin the campaign for the capture of Saltillo and Zacatecas, according to a report received at the State Department today from Consul Hannu at Durango.

American consulate agent, Montague has reopened the American consulate at Cananea Sonora, according to a report to the State Department today from Consul Simplich. He also reports that sixty American refugees have returned to Cananea and that the movement of American refugees from the south has ceased.

## PRESIDENT WILSON CONFERS WITH BRYAN

TENDS TO BUSINESS IN THE MIDST OF WEDDING FESTIVITIES.

TALKS OVER MEXICAN CRISIS IN REFERENCE TO MEDIATION.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]  
WASHINGTON, May 7.—President Wilson found time in the midst of wedding preliminary festivities at the White House today to confer with Secretary of State Bryan for a few minutes on the Mexican crisis with particular reference to mediation.

Secretary Bryan announced after the conference that American delegates to advise with the South American mediators had not yet been selected but that a representative or representatives surely would be designated and that the selection would soon be made. Whether there would be more than one American delegate was still undecided the secretary said.

O'Shaughnessy at Washington.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—Nelson O'Shaughnessy, charge of the American embassy at Mexico City until United States troops seized Vera Cruz arrived in Washington early today. (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX.)

## SECOND WHITE HOUSE WEDDING WITHIN YEAR

WM. G. McADOO



MISS ELEANOR R. WILSON.  
Daughter of President Who Will Wed William G. McAdoo.



SIMPLICITY TO MARK THE McADOO-WILSON NUPTIALS THIS EVENING.

CEREMONY WILL BE SOLEMNIZED BY THE REV. SYLVESTER BEACH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—With a plain circle of pure gold, typical of the quiet elegance of the ceremony, Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson, youngest daughter of the President of the United States and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, will be married at 6 o'clock this evening in the White House, to William Gibbs McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury.

The simple and impressive wedding service of the Presbyterian church will be pronounced by the Rev. Sylvester Beach, pastor of the church in Princeton, N. J., attended by the president and Mrs. Wilson and their family. The ceremony, while it is to be notably elegant in all of its appointments, will be witnessed by the smallest company that ever attended so important a function in the White House. The Vice President and Mrs. Marshall, the members of the Cabinet and their wives, relatives of the President and Mrs. Wilson, and of Secretary McAdoo, and a few intimate personal friends of the bride and bridegroom, comprise the list of guests.

The ceremony of this evening takes place in the historic Blue Room, the middle apartment of the suite on the south side of the White House, between the East room and the state dining room. It has been the scene of more brilliant social functions

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W. H. H. SOUTHERLAND.  
Rear Admiral, Member of General Navy Board.



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## Seven Jurors Chosen In Becker Case

DEFENSE CHALLENGES TALESMEN ACCEPTED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

WIFE OF EX-POLICE OFFICIAL SITS BY HIS SIDE DRESSED IN BLACK.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]  
NEW YORK, May 7.—Two more jurors bringing the number to seven were chosen today at the forenoon session of the case of former Police Lieut. Chas. Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal. The 6th man was D. W. Custer, a retired printer. The seventh, Ambrose Parley, a clerk. Many talesmen were accepted by the district attorney only to be challenged by counsel for defense. Becker shook his head. He, Becker, dressed in black, sat beside his husband at the counsel table.

The crowd that clamored for admission to the court room was larger than that of yesterday.

## Slowness of Church Riles Sunday

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., May 7.—Aroused to wrath by the slow action of the church people of this city, "Billy" Sunday had his committee and the ministers in private conference last night, and is said to have told them several things about themselves and their methods. He was restored to calmness today; however, and was beaming and happy as he appeared in a Panama hat and a summer suit. He was mild in his sermon on personal work, so that when he was through he was able to go automobile riding without hurrying to the hotel to change his clothes.

Sunday spoke at Marshall College this morning, and Mrs. Sunday talked to the co-eds later while her husband took the boys to themselves for a little lecture on the side.

## Coxey's Stragglers Near Cumberland

CUMBERLAND, MD., May 7.—"Gen." Jacob S. Coxey and his "army" reached Maryland soil yesterday and stopped last night at Grantsville, Garrett county, on the National pike, 25 miles west of Cumberland. They expect to reach Frostburg, 11 miles west of Cumberland, this evening. The "army," composed of 14 men, camped in a hall at Grantsville last night.

Coxey probably will traverse the old National pike out of Cumberland.

## The Weather

West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania—Cloudy tonight and Friday. Probably showers.

Miss Irene Holbert has been the guest of relatives in Morgantown for several days.

## CONTRACTS ARE LET FOR PAVING FAIRMONT ROADS

High School Commencement To Be June 9th

EIGHTY YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN COMPOSE THE SAM R. NUZUM CLASS.

SUPERINTENDENT ROSIER WILL PRESENT DIPLOMAS TO THE GRADUATES.

The Fairmont High School Commencement will take place on Tuesday, June 9th, at the High School auditorium when a class of eighty young men and women will be graduated from this institution.

Preceding the regular commencement day exercises on Monday the 8th will take place the usual class day exercises of the Senior class.

The commencement day exercises will consist of special musical selections and the presentation of the class by the class sponsor Mr. Sam R. Nuzum, for the diplomas and the presentation of the diplomas by Superintendent Joseph Rosier. There will be no special address on this occasion.

The schools of Fairmont District will close on June 5th.

On the evening of June 5th the joint completing exercises of the eighth grades of the ward schools will be given at the High School auditorium at which time Prof. J. P. Marsh of the state department of schools and a former principal of the High school will deliver the address to the classes.

The schools of the district have enjoyed a most prosperous year and good work has been accomplished in all departments of school work as is evidenced by the large class which completes the high school course.

Large classes will complete the eighth grade work and will be ready to enter the High school next year.

## Three Killed In Mexican Mine

SEVEN AMERICANS ARE SAID TO BE CUT OFF BY BANDITS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—One American and two British subjects have been killed in the mines in the vicinity of Guadalajara. A Mr. Randall presumably a British subject, and seven Americans are cut off by bandits in the vicinity. Other Americans are safe. This information came in a dispatch from the British Vice Consul at Guadalajara to the British embassy today. The dispatch was sent in response to an inquiry about conditions at the Vinco Minas mine and the safety of Americans there.

## Oil Men Meet In New York

THEY WILL DISCUSS EVERY PHASE OF THE MEXICAN SITUATION.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]  
NEW YORK, May 7.—Representatives of every petroleum interest in Mexico gathered in New York today to attend a meeting called for tonight, when the Mexican situation will be discussed. It is understood that the consensus of opinion that oil men be permitted to return to work in the field under the protection and such guarantee was may be obtained from federal and constitutional factions in Mexico.

## Four Killed By Bombs

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]  
On Board U. S. S. California, Matamoros, Mexico, via Wireless to San Diego, May 7.—Four persons were killed and eight were injured by the explosion of a bomb that was dropped into the city streets from a rebel airplane. Firing between the rebel and federal fortifications continues and in the artillery duel the besieging forces have had the better of it so far.

## LASSITER AND RAGLAND OF OXFORD, N. C. WERE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS.

R. M. SUTTON, OF FRANKLIN, PA., SECURED PART OF THE WORK.

The County Court today let the contract for the improving of the roads of Fairmont district and in the next year, approximately \$300,000 will be spent upon the work. The bids were opened some time ago and the consulting road engineer, Mr. W. H. Armstrong, has been tabulating them in order to ascertain the lowest bidders, and today, from such tabulation, the court definitely awarded six sections of the roads to be permanently improved.

Lassiter and Ragland, of Oxford, N. C., were awarded Road No. 5, the Barrackville road, beginning at the intersection of Cherry avenue and Jackson street, and running thence to the covered bridge at Barrackville, and thence to the iron bridge above Barrackville; Road No. 6, beginning at the intersection of Main street and Quincy street, in Fairmont, and running thence through Barnstow to the Dakota mines; Road No. 7, beginning at the intersection of Main street with Quincy street, in Fairmont, and running thence with Main street, crossing the coal run bridge and with Fairmont avenue to Twelfth street, including in this section Parks avenue and Barney street; Road No. 8, beginning at the intersection of Jackson street with Quincy street, in Fairmont, and running thence with Jackson street, Locust avenue and the Bell run road to the Fleming Chapel. The approximate cost of the construction of Road No. 5 is \$54,320.00; Road No. 6 is \$44,389.00; Road No. 7 is \$51,116.00; and Road No. 8 is \$48,855.00. The width of Road No. 5 will be 14 feet; the width of Road No. 6, after it leaves Pike street, will be 14 feet; the width of Road No. 8, after leaving Locust avenue, will be 14 feet and the streets that are now already paved within the city of Fairmont, will be permanently improved the width of the present pavement.

R. M. Sutton, of Franklin, Pa., was awarded two sections of roads for permanent improvement. Road No. 3, beginning at the intersection of Eighth street and Locust avenue, in Fairmont, and running thence up the hill past Professor McBees, across Lee's run, to the iron bridge at Elba Grove, and the section of road beginning at Cherry avenue and running up the hill to Professor McBees' residence; and Road No. 2, beginning at Billingsley's store, in Barrackville, and running past Edgar Lee's, across the iron bridge at Barrackville, and thence by Jamison Coal company's mine No. 7, at Katy. The approximate cost of the construction of Road No. 3 is \$48,105.00; and the approximate cost of the construction of Road No. 2 is \$57,900.00.

Roads Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 are to be brick construction laid on a concrete base of from 4 to 6 inches, with concrete curbing. Road No. 3 is to be constructed partly of brick laid on a concrete foundation, with concrete curbing, and the residue to be on Telford foundation with Tarvis Macadam penetration; the brick to

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## Sweet Marie Gets 60 Days

THE WOMAN WHO THREATENED YOUNG ROCKEFELLER IS SENT TO WORKHOUSE.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Marie Ganz, who said that she would kill John D. Rockefeller, Jr., for permitting the slaughter of men, women and children in the Colorado mine strike, was found guilty this afternoon of disorderly conduct and sentenced by Magistrate Murphy to serve 60 days in the workhouse.

Miss Ganz, known among her friends as "Sweet Marie," attempted to see young Rockefeller a week ago. When she failed she went to Mulberry Bend park and there made the speech for which she was arrested.

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

City of Fairmont:  
All persons owning city taxes for 1913, will please call at the Treasurer's office and make settlement of same.

The Treasurer is governed by the same law as the Sheriff of the county, and will be compelled to levy on property or return same delinquent.

All taxes on real estate now settled will have to be returned delinquent under the law.

J. R. MILLER, Treasurer.

4-25-14.